

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, January 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Dale Nielsen
Councilman Christopher Petite
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

Guest: Wanda Holmes- Family Community Engagement Coordinator

Absent: None

Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Mayor Williams led the invocation and Councilman Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the December 13, 2021 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Nielsen.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Wanda Holmes, Family Community Engagement Coordinator, Amy Roberson, Early Childhood Coordinator, and Cassandra Anderson, Supervisor of Early Childhood Education; provided information about Early Childhood Care in Natchitoches. The opportunities for families and the benefits of Early Childhood Education in our area.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 001 OF 2022

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 17, 2022 AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, each year on the third Monday of January, schools, federal offices, post offices and banks across American close as we observe and honor Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday; and

WHEREAS, the first national celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday took place January 20, 1986, and this year the celebration will be on January 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, America was moved by a young preacher who called a generation to action and forever changed the course of history. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to the struggle for justice and equality, sowing seeds of hope for a day when all people might claim “the riches of freedom and the security of justice.” On Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday, we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King advocated non-violent action as a means to overcome the evil of racism in America, and he led the effort that resulted in the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King guided us toward a mountaintop on which all Americans – regardless of skin color – could live together in mutual respect and brotherhood. Dr. King recognized the power of service to strengthen communities and achieve common goals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King dedicated his life to empowering people, and challenged them to lift up their neighbors and communities. He broke down barriers within our society by encouraging Americans to look past their differences and refused to rest until our Nation fulfilled its pledge of liberty and justice for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim, Monday, January 17, 2022 as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in the City of Natchitoches in honor of the memory and legacy of Dr. King.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 10th day of January, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 061 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOTS, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, BLOCK “E” OF KEEGAN ADDITION, LESS 2,271 SQUARE FEET TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND LOT 5, BLOCK “E” OF KEEGAN ADDITION, LESS 797.6 SQUARE FEET TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

(Corner of East 5th and Keyser Ave.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **December 8, 2021** that the application of Lisciotti Development Corp. to rezone the property described above from B-1 Commercial to B-2 special exception to operate from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. for retail development (Corner of East. 5th and Keyser Ave.), be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on December 13, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on December 13, 2021

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 10th day of January, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 11th day of January, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Mark Roberts requested that Ordinance No. 61 of 2021 be adopted.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the January 10, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 001 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Lots 2 & 3 Block M of S & P Addition.

(125 North St./821 West St.).

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **January 4, 2022** that the application of Daniel Cook to rezone the property described above from R-1 Single-Family residential to R-1 with additional special exception zoning to operate a vacation rental (125 North St./821 West St), be **APPROVED**.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Smith at the January 10, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on January 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on January 13, 2022.

Shontrell Roques provided details of Ordinance No. 001 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Elie at the January 10, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 002 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING THE EXCHANGE BANK BRANCH BUILDING LYING IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 23 OF WEST BROADMOOR SUBDIVISION.

(203 Keyser Ave.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **January 4, 2022** that the application of Shalonda Calvin to rezone the property described above from B-1 Commercial to B-1 with additional B-A zoning, for consumption of high and low alcohol on premise (**Broadmoor Shopping Center - 203 Keyser Ave.**), be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on January 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on January 13, 2022.

Shalonda Calvin owner of *Winged It* provided information about her business.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the January 10, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 003 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**LOT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ISADORE DRIVE AND KEYSER AVE.
SHOWN AS LOT "A" ON PLAT I MAP BOOK 1, PAGE 587, LESS 0.098 OF AN
ACRE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**

(601 Keyser Ave.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **January 4, 2022** that the application of Kirk Soileau with Natchitoches Regional Hospital to rezone the property described above from B-2 Commercial to B-2 Commercial, with special exception zoning for the operation of a 24-hour pharmacy and drive thru and walk in access **(601 Keyser Ave.)**, be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on January 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on January 13, 2022.

Kirk Soileau provided detailed information about expanding to 24 hours, only for the drive thru pharmacy.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 060 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, FROM ELIZABETH S. ARTHUR, ET AL, FOR THE TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, TO EXECUTE A CASH SALE DEED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE TRACT AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY AND PROPER, TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING, AND A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth S. Arthur, Susan Elizabeth Arthur and Allison Arthur Stamey (sometimes hereinafter collectively referred to as “Arthur”) are the owners of a certain tract of land, being 4.46 acres, more or less, and situated in Section 138, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, which tract is located on the northerly right of way of Louisiana Highway 478, and which tract is more fully described as follows, to-wit:

All of that portion of the following described piece, parcel or tract of land, situated and located in Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, that is situated North of Louisiana Highway 478, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land containing 34.75 acres, more or less, situated in Sections 9, 10 and 16, Township 8 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish Louisiana, more particularly described on a plat of survey by J. J. Brouillette dated March 19, 1958, which survey is attached to Partition recorded in Conveyance book 238, page 431 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

(Sometimes hereinafter “Subject Property”)

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”) desires to increase the water available to the City Water System and previously negotiated a lease with Arthur of the Subject Property in order to drill a test water well; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the test water well was successful and the phase I cultural resources survey has now been conducted, and the City desires to acquire the Subject Property under the terms and conditions set forth in that Lease Agreement and Option previously entered into by and between the City and Arthur; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Subject Property is shown and depicted on the attached

sketch within the boundary lines shown in “yellow”; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to acquire the Subject Property for the purpose of drilling water well(s) for the production of drinking water to be used in the City water system; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has been provided with a copy of an appraisal prepared by Dranquet’s Appraisal Service, dated May 5, 2021, which reflects a market value of the real estate in excess of the purchase price; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City previously negotiated with Arthur for the purchase of the Subject Property, and entered a Lease With Option to Purchase the Subject Property from Arthur for the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand and no/100 (\$83,000.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed purchase and is of the opinion that the purchase of the Subject Property is in the best interests of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens for the continued development of the City water system; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a copy of the proposed Deed is attached, and the Council approves same; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to purchase the Subject Property from Arthur for the sum of \$83,000.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that it is in the interest of the City to purchase of the Subject Property and desires to authorize Mayor, Ronnie Williams, to execute a deed and all associated documents; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council have studied the matter and have concluded that the acquisition of the Subject Property would be in the best interest of the City, its citizens, and the general public; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in regular session convened as follows:

I. That the purchase is approved and the Honorable Mayor, Ronnie Williams, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Cash Sale Deed on behalf of the City, all in accordance with the general terms and conditions set forth in this Ordinance, and the said Mayor is hereby given full and complete authority to incorporate in said instrument such terms, conditions, and agreements as may be necessary to protect the interest of the City in substantial compliance with the general terms and conditions set forth in this Ordinance in order to acquire the property described as follows, to-wit:

All of that portion of the following described piece, parcel or tract of land, situated and located in Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, that is situated North of Louisiana Highway 478, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land containing 34.75 acres,

more or less, situated in Sections 9, 10 and 16, Township 8 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish Louisiana, more particularly described on a plat of survey by J. J. Brouillette dated March 19, 1958, which survey is attached to Partition recorded in Conveyance book 238, page 431 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

II. That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to have all of the necessary legal documents and instruments prepared at once and that this transaction be closed as soon as this Ordinance is final.

III. That if any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, by a Court of competent Jurisdiction, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the invalidity shall be limited to that specific portion so declared to be invalid.

IV. That this Ordinance shall go into effect immediately after publication according to law.

VI. That all Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

VII. That this Ordinance be advertised in accordance with law.

VIII. That this Ordinance be declared INTRODUCED at a Regular Meeting of the City Council on December, 13, 2021 and that a public hearing be called for at the next regular meeting of the City Council which will be held on January 10, 2022.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on December 13, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on December 16, 2021.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 10th day of January, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 11th day of January, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the January 10, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 004 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE HANGER LOCATED ON LOT 3 OF THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT TO CHOUPIQUE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, TO EXECUTE A BILL OF SALE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF THE HANGER AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY AND PROPER, TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING, AND A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of that certain hanger, and other improvements, located on a lot in the Natchitoches Regional Airport, which said lot is more fully described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 3 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport with physical address of 506 Airport Road, Natchitoches, Louisiana, located and situated in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

(Said hanger and other improvements sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Hanger on Lot 3”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Hanger on Lot 3 was acquired by Marc J. Millican and Kevin Alan McGregor from Williams S. Kingrey, III by Bill of Sale dated April 27, 2007, and Marc J. Millican conveyed his one-half interest in the Hanger on Lot 3 to Foster/Berry by instrument filed February 11, 2019 at Conveyance Book 727, page 24 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and the City of Natchitoches (*sometimes hereinafter “City”*) acquired the interest of Foster/Berry by instrument dated September 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City, acquired the one-half interest of Kevin Alan McGregor in Hanger on Lot 3 by act of Donation recorded October 19, 2017, at Conveyance Book 715, page 890 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Choupique Development, LLC, (sometimes hereinafter “Choupique”) has offered to purchase the Hanger on Lot 3 from the City for the sum and price of \$24,000.00, and the City of Natchitoches is interested in conveying the Hanger on Lot 3 to Choupique for the offered price; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to convey the Hanger on Lot 3 to Choupique so that it may use the property for its intended use for an aeronautic related purpose; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has obtained an appraisal of the Hanger on Lot 3 from Dranquet’s Appraisal Service, which said appraisal is dated December 1, 2021, and which reflects a market value of \$24,000.00, which amount is equal to the purchase price; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and Choupique have agreed to transfer and acquire the Hanger on Lot 3 for the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand and no/100 (\$24,000.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed transfer and is of the opinion that the conveyance of the Hanger on Lot 3 is in the best interests of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens for the continued development of the Natchitoches Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council have studied the matter and have concluded that it is in the best interest of the **CITY**, its citizens, and the general public to convey the Hanger on Lot 3; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to convey the Hanger on Lot 3 to Choupique for the sum of \$24,000.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that it is in the interest of the City to convey the Hanger on Lot 3 and desires to authorize Mayor Ronnie Williams, to execute a bill of sale and all associated documents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in regular session convened as follows:

I. That the transfer is approved and the Honorable Mayor, Ronnie Williams, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Bill of Sale on behalf of the City, all in accordance with the general terms and conditions set forth in this Ordinance, and the said Mayor is hereby given full and complete authority to incorporate in said instrument such terms, conditions, and agreements as may be necessary to protect the interest of the City in substantial compliance with the general terms and conditions set forth in this Ordinance in order to convey the Hanger located on the property described as follows, to-wit:

That certain hanger, and other improvement situated on Lot 3 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport Plan of April 12, 1994 with physical address of 506 Airport Road, Natchitoches, Louisiana, located and situated in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

II. That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to have all of the necessary legal documents and instruments prepared at once and that this transaction be closed as soon as this Ordinance is final.

III. That if any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, by a Court of competent Jurisdiction, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the invalidity shall be limited to that specific portion so declared to be invalid.

IV. That this Ordinance be conditioned upon the approval of a simultaneously filed ordinance authorizing the approval of the Lease of Lot 3 to Choupique Development, LLC.

V. That this Ordinance shall go into effect immediately after publication according to law.

VII. That all Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

VIII. That this Ordinance be advertised in accordance with law.

IX. That this Ordinance be declared **INTRODUCED** at a Regular Meeting of the City Council on this the 10th day of January, 2022, and that a public hearing be called for at the next regular meeting of the City Council which will be held on the 24th day of January, 2022.

Edd Lee provided details to Ordinance No. 004 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the January 10, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 005 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, TO EXECUTE A LEASE IN FAVOR OF CHOUIQUE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, OF LOT 3 AS SHOWN ON THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN OF APRIL 12, 1994, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of those lots shown on the Airport Layout Plan of April 12, 1994, and more particularly is the owner of Lot 3 as shown and depicted on the Layout Plan; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Lot 3 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport was leased by the City of Natchitoches to William S. Kingrey, III, by lease dated March 4, 2009, and as assigned by William S. Kingrey, III to Marc J. Millican and Kevin McGregor by instrument dated April 13, 2009 (sometimes hereinafter “Kingrey Lease”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, all of the rights of Kevin McGregor in and to the Kingrey Lease, and in and to the hanger located on Lot 3 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport were assigned and donated to the City by instrument recorded at Conveyance Book 1081, page 751 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, by Resolution No. 103 of 2017, the City approved the transfer of the interest of Marc J. Millican in and to the Kingrey Lease to Harold Foster and Laurie Berry; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Kingrey Lease had a ten year term and said term has expired; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Harold Foster and Laurie Berry requested that the City of Natchitoches enter into a new lease, leasing that property shown and depicted as Lot 3 on the Layout Plan to Harold Foster and Laurie Berry, and that lease was approved by the City Council by Ordinance Number 9 of 2019; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the lease to Harold Foster and Laurie Berry was never executed by the parties, and Harold Foster and Laurie Berry have now conveyed all of their interest in and to the hanger located on Lot 3 to the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, said conveyance approved by the City Council by Ordinance Number 2 of 2020; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has now been approached by Choupique Development, LLC, (sometimes hereinafter “Choupique”) who desires to acquire the hanger located on Lot 3 and enter into a lease of Lot 3 from the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the terms of the proposed lease are for a ten (10) year period, with consideration for the 21785.76 square foot lot at ten cents per square foot coming to annual rental of Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight and 57/100(\$2,178.57) Dollars per year, all as set forth in the attached Lease Agreement by and between the City of Natchitoches, and Choupique; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to lease that property shown and depicted as Lot 3 on the Layout Plan, under the terms set forth above and more particularly set forth in the lease attached hereto, but conditioned upon the approval of the conveyance of the hanger located on Lot 3 to Choupique Development, LLC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in legal session convened as follows:

Mayor Williams and the City Council discussed the approval of a Finance Director and to remove Resolution no. 002 from the agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. SMITH TO REMOVE RESOLUTION NO. 002 OF 2022
FROM THE AGENDA AND SECONDED BY MRS. ELIE.

This Motion was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite
NAYS: Harrington
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Motion passed by a vote of 4
Ayes to 1 Nays on this 10th day of January, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

RESOLUTION NO. 002 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation
of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that Stephen Hickman be appointed as Finance Director for the
City of Natchitoches; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said
appointment.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Elie and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 003 OF 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 2020 - 2021 COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATION (CWEF) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NATCHITOCHES WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) was established in the 2008 Louisiana regular legislative session by way of HB 926 (Act 513). Its intent is to provide a source of funding to aid units of local government solely for the purpose of rehabilitation, improvement, and construction projects for community water systems to provide safe and clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches desires to provide its citizens safe and clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has been awarded a Community Water Enrichment Grant for \$9,851.00, to replace corroded galvanized water main with PVC water main within the city.

WHEREAS FURTHER, having reviewed the attached agreement between the Louisiana Office of Community Development and the City of Natchitoches and approving same the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to authorize the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., to execute the agreement on behalf of the CITY;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES HEREBY

1. Approves the Execution of the Agreement with the Louisiana Office of Community Development for the FY 2020 - 2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) in the amount of \$9,851.00 to replace corroded galvanized water main with PVC water main within the city.
2. Authorizes Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., to sign the attached agreement and all related documents.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 10th day of January, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 004 OF 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO SUBMIT A FUNDING COMMITMENT LETTER WITH THE BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PROJECT ENTITLED, “SIBLEY LAKE LIFT STATION EMERGENCY POWER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT.”

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has a need to replace the emergency power supply generator at the Sibley Lake Sewer Lift Station; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has submitted an application for funding a project entitled, “Sibley Lake Lift Station Emergency Power System Replacement,” under the Federal Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program for Federal Fiscal Year 2021; and

WHEREAS, if the application for this project is approved, the amount of Federal funding to be provided will be limited to 75% of the project cost; and

WHEREAS, local matching funds in the amount of 25% of the project cost will be required; and

WHEREAS, the online project application requires a Funding Commitment Letter from the local entity applying for the funds; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for this project is \$108,017.00; and

WHEREAS, the amount of local matching funds required for this project equals \$27,004.25; and

WHEREAS, this amount is available in the City of Natchitoches Utility Department budget for the current fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., to submit a Funding Commitment Letter as outlined above with the BRIC grant application for the project entitled, “Sibley Lake Lift Station Emergency Power System Replacement.”

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 10th day of January, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Announcements:

- The City of Natchitoches offices will be closed Monday, January 17, 2022 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.
- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be Monday, January 24, 2022.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

